

# Invasive Device Safety

\*A medical device that is placed inside your body



## 4 Steps For Infection Prevention

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Ask your provider if the invasive device is necessary



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Every patient and visitor must wash their hands



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Avoid touching the device as much as possible



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Watch for signs of infection



## What you can do to prevent infection:

- ✓ Inform your healthcare provider about past medical problems and current medications
- ✓ Ask your healthcare provider why the device is needed and how long it will be in place
- ✓ Ask healthcare providers to clean their hands before and after the visit
- ✓ Ask your healthcare provider about steps to prevent infection after the procedure
- ✓ Remember to take all medication(s) as directed
- ✓ If access is needed, make sure the device is cleaned appropriately, e.g. "scrub the hub"

### Inform healthcare provider if:

- ☹ You have pain or redness around the device
- ☹ You have drainage around the device
- ☹ You have a fever or chills
- ☹ You have 3 or more loose stools in 24 hours

### Do Not:

- ✗ Tug, pull, twist or kink the device
- ✗ Let visitors or pets touch the device
- ✗ Get device, insertion site, or dressing wet
- ✗ Apply powder or lotion to the skin around the device



Improper care or use can lead to:infection, falls, death